

United States Department Of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service
Poultry Programs, Market News Branch
60 Forsyth Street, SW, Suite 6M80
Atlanta, Georgia

Office: 404-562-5850 **Fax:** 404-562-5875 **Johnny Freeman:** 404-562-5870
Internet: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/marketnews.htm> **Recording:** 404-562-5856

September 01, 2000

Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 02-Sep-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week 09/02/00	Previous Week 08/26/00
Bro-Fry	164,472	160,470
Lt Hens	1,799	1,860
Hvy Hens	1,661	1,542

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 26-Aug-00 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	418	47	465
Last Week	400	32	432
Same Wk Yr Ago	418	0	418
To Date 2000	16,249	244	16,493
To Date 1999	16,285	199	16,484

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,241	1,358	3,599
Last Week	2,215	1,558	3,773
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,230	1,546	3,776
To Date 2000	82,472	49,002	131,474
To Date 1999	88,927	46,944	135,871

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 26-Aug-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	160,646 (A)	1,823	1,311	3,134
Avg Wt	4.91	4.41	8.05	5.93
Last Week	158,583	1,815	1,526	3,341
Same Week Yr Ago	157,438	1,812	1,546	3,358
Avg Wt	4.85	3.33	7.94	5.45
To-Date/2000	5,271,757	66,223	48,758	114,981
To-Date/1999	5,163,096	72,642	46,745	119,387

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 154.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.6 million head or 8.3 million head less than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending August 19, 2000**

(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
---	-----------------------------	-------------------------------

Head	34,631	34,508	43,337
Avg Weight	3.74	4.70	5.97
% Of Total /1	31%	31%	39%
Comparisons			
Last Week	38,353	38,735	38,866
Avg Weight	3.72	4.77	5.98
% Of Total /1	33%	33%	34%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	30,060	36,720	32,146
Avg Weight	3.75	4.83	6.01
% Of Total /1	30%	37%	32%

To Date/2000	1,094,905	1,097,970	1,350,190
To Date/1999	1,084,768	988,283	1,379,043

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 26-Aug-00
(Thousand Head)**

	Young Hens	Toms	Young Breeder	Old Breeder	Total
Head	2,445	3,023	41	24	5,533
Avg Wt	15.43	31.73	23.29	26.70	24.44
Head Sltr Comparisons					
Last Week 06/03/00	2,279	2,950	74	27	5,330
Same Week Yr Ago	5,425 (C)		17	26	5,468
Avg Wt	23.99 (C)		24.12	25.46	24.00
To-Date/2000	158,422 (C)		822	936	160,180
To-Date/1999	162,864 (C)		529	1,208	164,601
CHECK TOTAL	11,247,388	153,902	106,915	252,231	376,269

(B) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
For Additional Information, Please Call (404) 562-5850.